



**Report of : Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods**

**Area Committee : Inner East**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Subject: Inner East Priority Neighbourhoods 2011/12**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Burmantofts &amp; Richmond Hill</b> <b>Gipton &amp; Harehills</b> <b>Killingbeck &amp; Seacroft</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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## Executive Summary

The report provides for approval the outline 2011/11 Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) for the Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Seacroft and Richmond Hill priority neighbourhoods.

The report focuses on work to put in place new local delivery and accountability arrangements in the priority neighbourhoods as part of an innovative 'team neighbourhood' approach to locality management and to support the delivery of the Area Committee's community engagement strategy.

- Note the review of progress for 2010/11.
- Approve the outline 2011/12 NIPS for Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Richmond Hill and Seacroft;
- Note the intention to bring completed NIPs including action plans to the June Area Committee for approval.

## **Purpose of This Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - provide the Area Committee with a summary of progress made in 2010/11 by Neighbourhood Managers in the five priority neighbourhoods of Inner East (Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Richmond Hill and Seacroft). This is set against the Inner East Community Engagement Strategy approved in June 2010 which is the subject of a separate report.
  - consult the Area Committee on the current Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) priorities and asks for views on any changes for the refreshed 2011/12 plans.

## **Background Information**

2. The Area Committee has agreed to establish and support five priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East area with effect from April 2010. These are:
  - Burmantofts (includes Lincoln Green)
  - Gipton
  - Harehills
  - Richmond Hill (inc. Cross Green, East End Park and part Osmondthorpe)
  - Seacroft
3. These priority neighbourhoods have also been agreed at city level through the corporate Neighbourhood Policy Group, at the East North East Office Coordination Group and through area based partnerships such as the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Children Services Leadership Teams.
4. Each priority neighbourhood represents a gathering of super output areas (SOAs) that fall in the 10% most deprived according to the latest statistics and builds on previous arrangements that followed Safer Stronger Communities Funding (SSCF) boundaries.
5. In 2010/11, to support the development and the implementation of action plans for each priority neighbourhood, the Area Committee approved funding for two Neighbourhood Manager posts within the Area Management team to report to the Area Committee. This is an annually reviewable funding agreement, with in principle agreement for 3 years. The second year of funding for these posts was approved at the February 2011 Area Committee.

## **Framework for Overseeing Delivery of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs)**

6. The framework for overseeing delivery of NIPs sits within an overall community engagement strategy for Inner East which is to be considered in a further paper at this meeting.

7. The proposal creates a consistent framework for the priority neighbourhoods in Inner East and builds on lessons learnt from the SSCF driven approach, examples of local partnership work and feedback from Area Committee and Ward Member meetings.
8. The framework seeks to:
  - ✓ Strengthen the role of the Area Committee in overseeing progress made in each priority neighbourhood against the agreed, key deprivation indicators and the link with the Area Delivery Plan.
  - ✓ Establish a clear role for managers of local service providers to meet and take responsibility developing partnership working and activities that tackle the agreed key NIP priorities
  - ✓ Establish a clear role for representatives of the community in overseeing the development of the NIP action plan and assessing the effectiveness of actions in delivering improvements to the key priority indicators approved by Area Committee; including effective community engagement.
  - ✓ Support the role of Elected Members in leading neighbourhood improvement and community engagement.
  - ✓ Support the civic role of residents and the development of their capacity to inform decisions relating to the most effective use of local resources
  - ✓ Improve the accountability of local partnership working

## **Progress update 2010/11**

### **9. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill**

- An outline structure for the Local Management Team (LMT) has been developed. The first meeting of the LMT will take place in the next few weeks. The main focus of the first meeting will be to agree the content of the NIP Action Plan, in line with the priorities outlined in the attached NIP documents.
- The Community Leadership Team (CLT) for the ward is also being scoped and it is hoped that this will develop alongside the introduction of the LMT for the area.
- Meetings have continued with local residents and organisations delivering activities in the area to forge good working relationships.
- The March cycle of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Community Forums have been supported and widely promoted to the community. A forward schedule of forum dates for 2011/12 is to be produced.
- Tasking arrangement for the area have been strengthened by establishing pre tasking meetings with Ward Councillors and the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Inspector to agree priorities for the area for the next six weeks.
- A programme of youth activities is to be developed for the year ahead with LCC Youth Service through the direction of well being funding to support this.
- Work is undertaken to develop better working relationships between organisations in the ward who have had historical differences in the past. The introduction of the neighbourhood manager in the area is facilitating these discussions to get people working better together.
- The establishment of a preventative tasking team for the ward is currently being explored. This will be implemented once the Local Management Team is up and running.

## 10. **Gipton**

- The first Community Leadership Team (CLT) took place on 13th January at the Civic Hall and was chaired by Cllr Maqsood. This was rescheduled from 8th December due to the weather. Attendance included representatives from St Nicholas' Primary Governing Body, 2 young ladies from the Getaway Girls, Church of Epiphany, young lady resident from Gipsil's board, Gipton Together, and 2 young ladies from youth service provision. Feedback for other invitees indicated that the venue was the reason for none attendance. Therefore it has been agreed to arrange another introductory meeting locally. Further recruitment is also required.
- On 3rd Feb the Gipton Local Management Team (LMT) meeting was held but attendance was quite poor. Issues have been raised with ENE Officer Coordination group and Rory Barke, Area Leader, is to action. An item of particular note was the lack of jobs and skills / worklessness provision in Gipton which Hayley Clifton is following up.

## 11. **Harehills**

- Crime and Grime tasking meetings take place on a six weekly basis and are well attended. These are co-chaired by Area Management and the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- Gipton Health Improvement Team which meets quarterly, is organised by NHS Leeds and brings together those people delivering services and support around Health. It is planning to undertake an audit of community assets in Harehills to focus on the positive aspects of Harehills using the 'glass half full' approach.<sup>1</sup>
- A workshop is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> March which will bring together organisations delivering services and support for young people in Harehills to share ideas and good practice, network and identify any gaps in provision which will lead to the development of an integrated youth strategy for Harehills.
- Discussions are also underway with social housing providers in the area to look at how the local environment can be improved.

## 12. **Killingbeck and Seacroft**

- Killingbeck and Seacroft LMT met on 19th January. The group looked at the NIP, and outcomes included ensuring links are made with crime and grime tasking to secondary schools particularly the David Young Academy and John Smeaton Community High School, Youth Service to link in with Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) meetings, Hayley Clifton to link to cluster meetings around attendance and NEETs<sup>2</sup>. The group was particularly interested in the outcomes from the NEET pilot lead by Childrens Services and Job Centre Plus, and requested a full report at the end of the pilot project. Hayley Clifton described the Seacroft Partnership training model and will contact Jobs and Skills and Leeds City College regarding linking local people in to potential job opportunities arising from local developments including the Ring Rd/Coal Rd.

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<sup>1</sup> **A glass half-full:** how an asset approach can improve community health and well-being, - Improvement and Development Agency

<sup>2</sup> NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training

- Killingbeck and Seacroft CLT was held on 24th February at Kentmere Community Centre, and attended by 17 local residents and Councillor Selby. It was chaired by Councillor Morgan, and the guest speaker was Inspector Stephen Emmett of the NPT. The team were presented with draft promises for the Community Charter 2011/12, which they ratified. They also made suggestions for specific issues they would like to see addressed in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. The team then received a presentation from Inspector Emmett on how partners work together to tackle crime and ASB, and the Inspector received questions from the floor. The team also received information on area committee small grants and POCA funding and were encouraged to apply. A copy of the notes from this meeting is attached at Appendix A. The next meeting was set for 13th April and the team decided they would like the theme to be around finances, what money is being spent in the ward and how the CLT can influence this. Feedback from the residents about the CLT meeting and concept was very positive, and comments were made about it being a very good idea, people were excited to be involved and very keen to progress the work. Full notes have been provided to the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward members.
- Both Gipton and Seacroft crime and grime tasking teams are working well, with both new Inspectors being fully briefed on the Team Neighbourhood work, and now well integrated into the tasking regime and partnership working arrangements.
- Hayley Clifton has also met with the manager of the GP consortia Calibre, who also chairs the ENE Health and Wellbeing Partnership to discuss how GP consortia can link into the NIPs and Team Neighbourhood structure. It was agreed to look to the East North East Health and Wellbeing partnership for the health priorities for the NIPs, and that the Health and Wellbeing partnership would consult with their GPs in the area to ensure that the statistics really reflect what the issues are for residents in the priority neighbourhoods. The NIPs will then be reported to the Health and Wellbeing partnership on a regular basis. The Calibre manager also agreed to provide links to the other consortia who cover the priority neighbourhoods, contact details for all Calibre's GPs, so that direct contact can be made with them as and when required, and seek out a local practitioner to attend the management team meetings depending on the health theme per NIP.

## **Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for 2011/12**

13. The Neighbourhood Managers are responsible for pulling together annual Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) for each of the priority neighbourhoods. Each NIP identifies the key domains that the Neighbourhood Index is showing as having the most urgent need to address and where appropriate target the super output areas (SOAs) that are demonstrating the greatest inequalities. An action plan will be agreed and delivered for each priority neighbourhood. These will feed into the Area Delivery Plan for Inner East and progress reported to the Area Committee.
14. The NIP for each priority neighbourhood is attached at appendices B - F. It should be noted that they are different stages of development, with Killingbeck and Seacroft having the most detail. Each NIP includes:
  - An introduction to the NIP

- The top local priorities for 2011/12 which will be the main focus of partnership activity/actions for the year ahead and relate to the key inequalities that the Area Committee are seeking to make the greatest impact on. It should be noted that the action plan will also include local actions to deliver promises made in the Community Charter.
- Map of the area;
- A summary of neighbourhood index analysis and where available annual neighbourhood surveys;
- A framework for roles and responsibilities in delivering and overseeing the NIPs in each priority neighbourhood that reports to the Area Committee.
- Action Plan;

15. The following table summarises the top priorities being proposed for each 2011/12 NIPs. These have been selected as actions that would have the greatest impact on the improving the worst performing domains in each priority neighbourhoods. As well as incorporating priorities/promises set out in the Community Charter, they also link to existing local partnership activity and action plans such as School Cluster Plans and Health Improvement Plans.

<b>Priority Neighbourhood/NIP Priorities</b>				
<b>Burmantofts</b>	<b>Gipton</b>	<b>Harehills</b>	<b>Richmond Hill</b>	<b>Seacroft</b>
Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
Improving school attendance	Improving school attendance	Improving school attendance	Improving school attendance	Improving school attendance
Reduce crime/anti-social behaviour and increase community confidence	Reduce crime/anti-social behaviour and increase community confidence	Reduce crime/anti-social behaviour and increase community confidence	Reduce crime/anti-social behaviour and increase community confidence	Reduce crime/anti-social behaviour and increase community confidence
Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing	Reducing teenage pregnancy	Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing	Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing	Lung health/COPD/stopping smoking
Improve environmental conditions	Increase residents influence and community cohesion	Improve environmental conditions	Improve environmental conditions	Increase residents influence and community cohesion

16. The Area Committee is asked to approve the outline NIPS for 2011/12 so that detailed action plans can be developed and brought back to the June meeting for approval.

## **Recommendations**

17. The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the review of progress for 2010/11.
- Approve the outline 2011/12 NIPS for Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Richmond Hill and Seacroft;
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